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Public Comment Sought – Sedge Island Shed Removal

The Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing to remove the remnants of a dilapidated building located on Sedge Island within the Narrow River Drainage, South Kingstown, Washington County, Rhode Island. This building was constructed in the 1930's had served as a private lodge, but has been vacant for decades. Inspections by refuge personnel in the early 2000's found it unsafe, failing, and not repairable. In 2006, a portion of the building fell apart and was removed by the Service.

The shed is now on the verge of collapse, is not repairable, and poses a safety hazard to the public. A cultural resource assessment was conducted and found that the structure does not have cultural resource significance nor does it have the potential for inclusion in the National Register.

The Service will remove the structure using equipment deployed as part of the Narrow River restoration activities this coming winter. The shed will be dismantled and materials removed from the island via barge.

Public comments on the proposed action are being accepted through September 30, 2016. Written comments can be submitted to:

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You may also email comments via our website at www.fws.gov/refuge/Ninigret/About_the_Complex/